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1. On 5 November 1953, officers and soldiers observed at the barracks installation in Kagran (P 49/X 49) wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. A few soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, or black-bordered red epaulets. About 20 motor vehicles were standing in the barracks yard. All gates of the garages were closed. Truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. A movable dummy tank turret was observed on a small gauge railroad line in the ditch between the installation and the athletic field. The shed was empty. About 20 tank trucks [REDACTED] were observed at the fuel dump. [REDACTED]

2. On 3 November, imprints of tracks were seen on the loading ramp at the Goepfritz (O 49/R 64) railroad station. A local resident stated that three tanks were entrained during the last days of October. A Soviet transport reserve of 8 boxcars and 11 flatcars was side-tracked at the railroad station. A lieutenant colonel, three majors and four soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets arrived by the morning train from Vienna and were fetched by truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. Two trucks were parked near the supply depot at the former factory building. Truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets left the installation.

3. On 2 November, the garage installation southeast of the Bruck on the Leitha River railroad station (P 49/X 77) included four garages. The installation, guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets, had been enlarged by a garage newly constructed at the northeast side, and reconditioning of the former garages at the southeast side. Twelve canvas-covered tanks were observed in the garages while the silhouettes of another estimated eight tanks were seen. All gun barrels projected far beyond the tank noses. No activity or fresh track imprints were observed. The cantonment in the woods was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicle traffic from and toward Vienna observed at the installation included sedan [REDACTED] jeep [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] all vehicles driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and trucks [REDACTED] driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets. The new komendatura was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. EM observed at the installation also wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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1. [] Comment. The 106th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt, and an unidentified air force AAA battalion are stationed at the barracks installation in Vienna-Kagran. The two tank truck [] at the fuel dump belonged to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. []

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[] during the last third of October 1953, the Soviet units in Austria received replacements.

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2. [] Comment. Since mid-October 1953, most of the troops stationed at the summer camps of the Doellersheim troop training grounds have returned to their home stations. []

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3. [] Comment. The garage installation southeast of the Bruck on the Leitha River railroad station previously housed armored vehicles. Only up to eight armored vehicles were previously observed. []

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